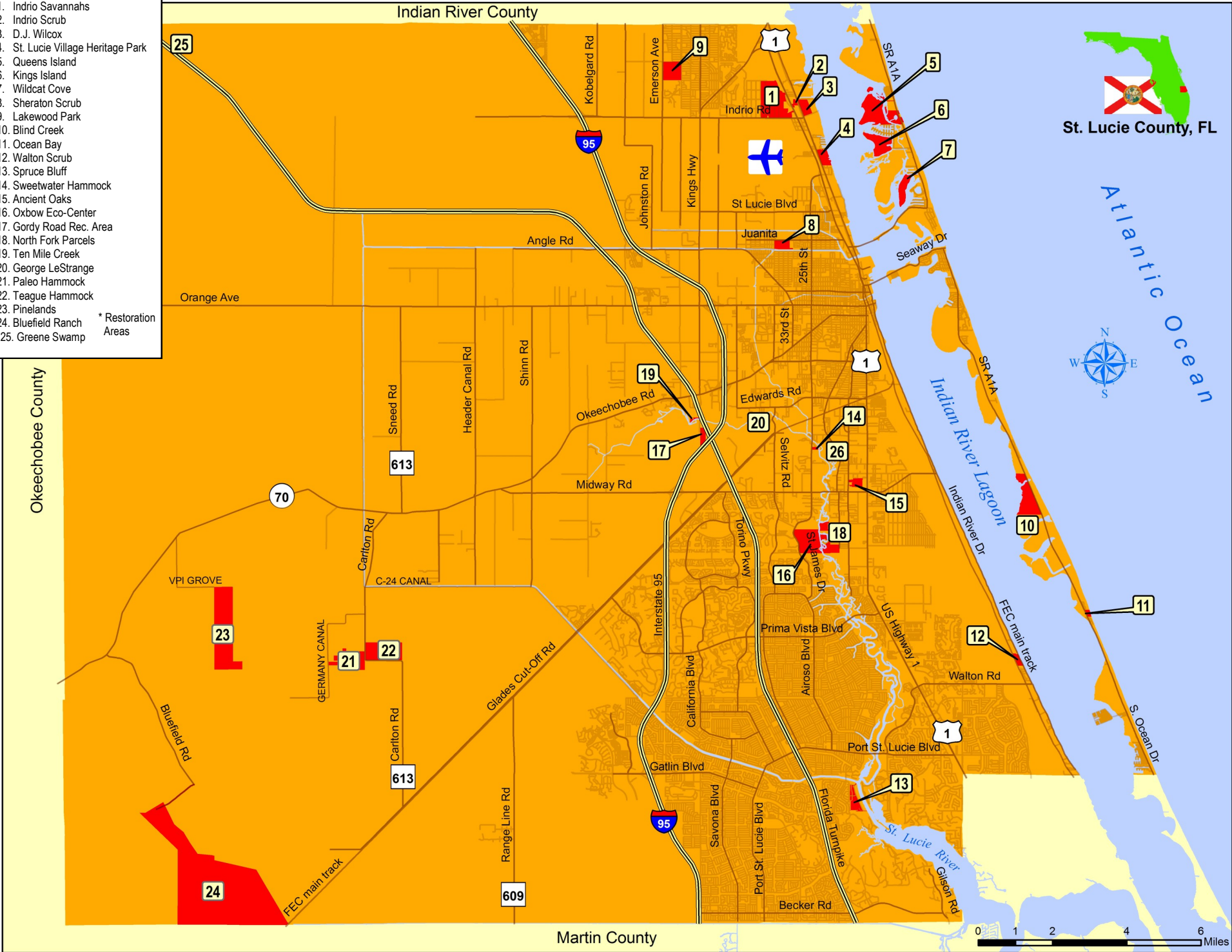


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Preserves

St. Lucie County is proud to offer educational programming on its publically owned lands. These programs are free and open to the public, but **reservations are required** at least one day in advance. Programs target ages 13 and older unless otherwise noted. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Proper footwear and water are required for all programs. **Please leave pets at home.** We hope you'll explore with us!

**December 3, 2011 9:00am-11:00am**  
**Ocean Bay: *Hammock Walk & Beachcombing***

Join local master naturalists and discover the secrets of the rare coastal hammock community. Then, emerge from the forest to search for beach treasures along Ocean Bay's pristine natural shore. Call Wren : 772-971-5611

**December 10, 2011 9:00am-11:00am**  
**Paleo Hammock: *Florida's Early Peoples***

Walk in the footsteps of Paleo Indians on this guided tour through lush Florida habitat. Experience a historic Indian mound and learn about how these early people may have lived. Call Wren : 772-971-5611



**December 17, 2011 8:00am-10:00am**  
**D.J. Wilcox: *Birding***

No experience required. Bring binoculars/camera and join us for a leisurely hike through one of the County's premier birding sites. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**December 28, 2011 10:00am-11:30am**  
**George LeStrange: *Wee Ones in the Woods***

Bring the kiddies for a fun and educational program about wildlife defenses, to be followed by a short hike along Ten Mile Creek. Appropriate for ages 6 & up. Call Wren : 772-971-5611

**January 7, 2012 9:00am-10:00am**  
**Indrio Scrub: *Exotic Invaders: Plants Gone Bad!***

Take a leisurely stroll and discover some of the "bad guys" in Florida's natural areas. Find out what you can do to protect our environmentally sensitive lands from these invaders. Call Wren: 772-971-5611



**January 14, 2012 9:00am-1:00pm**  
**Pinelands: *Day Hike***

Come and learn a variety of naturalist skills as we hike through one of the County's largest preserves - home to White-tailed deer, alligators, and a large variety of birds. Bring binoculars and camera as you can expect to see many diverse species. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066



**January 21, 2012 9:00am-10:30am**  
**Spruce Bluff: *Discovering Florida's Biodiversity***

What is biodiversity? And why is it important? Discover this and more on a relaxing walk through a variety of native plant communities. Call Wren: 772-971-5611

**January 28, 2012 8:30am-10:00am**  
**Sheraton Scrub: *Our Native Scrub Jay***

One of the best sites to observe Florida's most enigmatic bird. Learn how it's cooperative breeding habits make this the most interesting native Florida avian species. We may also see gopher tortoises and other scrub species. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**February 11, 2012 5:00pm-7:00pm**  
**Pinelands: *Owls, Bats & Other Nocturnal Creatures***



Join us for a night hike as we call Barred and Great Horned Owls, detect bats using a bat detector, and learn a "secret" recipe for attracting large, colorful moths! Bring flashlights (headlamp type with red light highly recommended). Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**February 18, 2012 9:00am-11:00am**  
**Indrio Savannahs: *Habitat Restoration***

Join us for a leisurely hike through habitat recently restored for the threatened Gopher Tortoise. Learn how habitat restoration is accomplished and how it's helping many species make a comeback. Bring binoculars/camera. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**February 25, 2012 9:00am-11:00am**  
**Spruce Bluff: *Archaeology & Ethnobotany***

One of our most popular hikes! Learn how the earliest Native Americans in Florida utilized the abundant flora and fauna to build shelter, feed, and clothe themselves as we hike through a variety of habitats on our way to an ancient Indian Mound. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066



**March 4, 2012 9:00am-11:00am**  
**Ancient Oaks: *Urban Green Space***

Learn about the benefits and challenges of green spaces in our communities. See first hand a beautiful example as a master naturalist leads you through the oak-palm hammock at Ancient Oaks Preserve. Call Wren: 772-971-5611

**March 7, 2012 10:00am-11:30am**  
**Sweetwater Hammock: *Leapin' Lizards!***



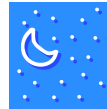
Young nature enthusiasts are invited to join us for an encounter with some reptilian wonders. Come learn all about lizard adaptations, behavior, diet, and life history. Appropriate for ages 4 & up. Call Wren: 772 -971-5611

**March 17, 2012 9:00am-10:30am**  
**St. Lucie Village: *Edible Plants & Leisure Hike***

Can you really make flour from cattails? Yes! Lots of Florida plants are edible, some are delicious! Join us for a hike through a beautiful hammock where we will look for edible plants and enjoy a morning with birds and other wildlife. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**March 24, 2012 9:00am-2:00pm**  
**Bluefield: *A Day of Discoveries***

Revel in the wonders of nature on this day-long excursion into Florida's wilderness. Enjoy the stress relief as you unplug, walk, and relax your mind. Call Wren: 772-971-5611

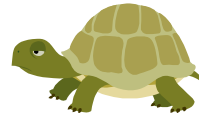


**March 30, 2012 8:00pm-11:00pm**  
**Bluefield: *Stargazing***

Learn the constellations, and how the sky "moves" over time. View galaxies, nebulae, planets, and clusters of stars through a variety of telescopes provided by local amateur astronomers. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**March 31, 2012 9:00am-10:30am**  
**Walton Scrub: *Getting to Know the Gopher Tortoise***

Explore the unique and imperiled Florida Scrub as we go in search of the humble gopher tortoise. Learn about the threats to this legally protected species and why conservation efforts are so vital. Call Wren: 772 -971-5611



**April 7, 2012 9:00am-11:00am**  
**St. Lucie Village Heritage Park: *A Past Perspective***

Take a step back in time, enjoy a slow meandering walk through oak and cabbage palm hammocks, and learn about the rich history of this property along the Indian River Lagoon. Call Wren: 772-971-5611

**April 14, 2012 9:00am-11:00am**  
**Call for Location: *Creating Habitat***

Observe native plants both in the wild and in native landscaping. Learn how to attract wildlife to your yard. Participants must provide their own transportation. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Bring your camera! Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

**April 21, 2012; 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**Pinelands: *Amphibian Adventure***

Learn to monitor frog populations and help scientists around the world learn more about amphibian populations and distribution. Learn what you can do in your own neighborhoods to help these imperiled amphibians. Call Wren: 772 -971-5611



**April 28, 2012 6:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Teague/Paleo Hammock: *Nocturnal Creatures***

Hardwood Hammocks are home to the impressive Barred Owl, several species of bats, and some surprisingly colorful moth species. We will call the owls, attract moths using a light cloth and a special recipe, and detect bats using a simple bat detector. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066



**May 5, 2012 8:30am -10:30am**  
**Ten Mile Creek: *Guided Canoe/Kayak Tour***

Escape from hectic daily life and paddle your cares away on this leisurely guided canoe tour. Paddlers of all levels are welcome, but must bring a canoe or kayak. Wildlife sightings along Ten Mile Creek include barred owls, wood ducks, night herons, anhingas, alligators, and much more. Call Wren: 772 -971-5611

**May 12, 2012 8:30am-10:30am**  
**Teague Hammock: *Wildflowers & Butterflies***

The premier butterfly observation site in the County! Learn about larval (host) and nectar plants and how to attract butterflies to your yard. Butterfly checklist will be provided. Bring close-focusing binoculars and camera. Call Patricia: 772-453-4066

